

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These Remarks are in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005. Claims 1-9, 11-29 and 31-40 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 21, 22, 26-29 and 34-37 are rejected. Claims 3-5 and 23-25 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11-20 and 31-40 are allowed.

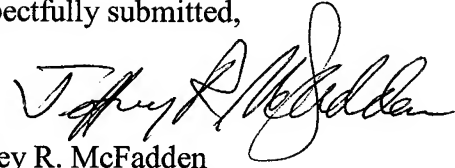
Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 11-20 and 31-40.

Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 1 and 2 and is allowable. Claims 1 and 2, therefore, have been canceled. Claims 4 and 5 depend on Claim 3 and therefore are allowable. Claim 6 has been amended to depend on Claim 3 and therefore is allowable. Claim 7 depends on Claim 6 and therefore is allowable. Claim 8 has been amended to depend on Claim 3 and therefore is allowable. Claim 9 depends on Claim 8 and therefore is allowable. Claims 11 – 20 have been allowed.

Claim 23 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 21 and 22 and is allowable. Claims 21 and 22, therefore, have been canceled. Claims 24 and 25 depend on Claim 23 and therefore are allowable. Claim 26 has been amended to depend on Claim 23 and therefore is allowable. Claim 27 depends on Claim 26 and therefore is allowable. Claim 28 has been amended to depend on Claim 23 and therefore is allowable. Claim 29 depends on Claim 28 and therefore is allowable. Claims 31 – 40 have been allowed.

Based upon the amendments to the pending claims Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for an immediate allowance, and such action is requested. If any matter remains unresolved, Applicant's counsel would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to resolve the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. McFadden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J" and "M".

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